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Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, September 23, 1882, with transcript

Letter from Mrs Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Cambridge, Thursday, Sept. 23rd., 1882. My darling Alec:

I have not written for some days because I had no letter from you to answer and nothing special to say. I now enclose two or three letters just received and beg to state that, one from you to "yours truly" will be agreeable.

I hope that you will succeed in finding us a respectable house there is no need for it's being very gorgeous and we have enough furniture for an unfurnished house. Marmie says not to get one but I don't think she knows how much furniture I have, so only get a respectable house and let anything else go. I will write to Mrs. Sanders regretting we cannot go, and advertise for servants.

It's been very hot here about the most disagreeable thing at this season of the year but today it is rainy and cooler. I have written to the Superintendant of Sommerville but not yet heard from him. I wish that I had something nice to tell you but I have not.

What is up with Mrs. Home now she seems rather distracted and I don't know anything more disagreeable than helping people who never seem any the better for it. But of course you cannot desert your own flesh and blood but I do hate to have her bother Papa, she hasn't the least claim upon him and I cannot see how she has the face to do it. I suppose it is very hard but if she intends to stick to her husband I don't see why all her friends should pay her for doing so.

Well I feel cross this horrid morning, and only thankful I have a husband who has some sense of independence in him. Take your-altogether I don't think I could possibly have got

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half such a nice husband anywhere else and please take care of him for me. Have you 2 written to Würtzburg, please don't delay it's an honor above all kings could give you I cannot go home until Tuesday afternoon for I am engaged at the dentist's that morning but don't lets delay more than that.

With much love, Yours ever, Notice Daisy's handwriting on other page. (pencil scribbling)